

## Recognized National Certification Examinations

The following table lists the specific national certification examination(s) recognized by the Texas Board of Nursing for advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) licensure. Specific examinations are recognized for specific advanced practice roles and population focus areas. If you have questions regarding national certification for APRNs, please e-mail the APRN office at [apn@bon.state.tx.us](mailto:apn@bon.state.tx.us).

Advanced Practice Role and Population Focus Area	National Certification Examinations Recognized by the Texas Board of Nursing
Nurse Anesthetist	Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists' Certification Examination
Nurse-Midwife	American Midwifery Certification Board Examination—must take examination for certification as a CNM
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (ACNP) (May take either examination)	American Nurses Credentialing Center's ACNP examination <b>OR</b> AACN Certification Corporation's ACNP examination
Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (ACPNP)	Pediatric Nursing Certification Board's Acute Care-CPNP examination
Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANP) (May take either examination)	American Nurses Credentialing Center's ANP examination <b>OR</b> American Academy of Nurse Practitioners' ANP examination
Emergency Nurse Practitioner (ENP)	American Nurses Credentialing Center's FNP examination
Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) (May take either examination)	American Nurses Credentialing Center's FNP examination <b>OR</b> American Academy of Nurse Practitioners' FNP examination
Gerontological Nurse Practitioner (GNP)	American Nurses Credentialing Center's GNP examination
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP)	National Certification Corporation's NNP examination
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) (May take either examination)	Pediatric Nursing Certification Board's Primary Care-CPNP examination <b>OR</b> American Nurses Credentialing Center's PNP examination
Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) (May take either examination)	American Nurses Credentialing Center's Adult PMHNP examination <b>OR</b> American Nurses Credentialing Center's Family PMHNP examination
Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP)	National Certification Corporation's WHNP examination
Clinical Nurse Specialist in Adult Health Nursing	American Nurses Credentialing Center's Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist examination
Clinical Nurse Specialist in Critical Care Nursing	AACN Certification Corporation's CCNS examination
Clinical Nurse Specialist in Gerontological Nursing	American Nurses Credentialing Center's Gerontological Clinical Nurse Specialist examination
Clinical Nurse Specialist in Medical/Surgical Nursing	American Nurses Credentialing Center's Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist (formerly Med-Surg Clinical Nurse Specialist) examination
Clinical Nurse Specialist in Pediatric Nursing	American Nurses Credentialing Center's Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist examination
Clinical Nurse Specialist in Psychiatric/ Mental Health Nursing (May take either examination)	American Nurses Credentialing Center's Adult Psychiatric & Mental Health Clinical Specialist examination <b>OR</b> American Nurses Credentialing Center's Child/Adolescent Psychiatric & Mental Health Clinical Specialist examination